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## Preface to the Report

To the Chairman and Members  
of the Milford Port Health Authority.

Mr Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present my Annual Report  
for the year 1956.

You will forgive me if I remind you of the chief duties  
of all Sea and Air Port Health Authorities. They are as follows:-

To prevent or control the entry of disease into the  
Country - with particular reference to certain communicable  
Diseases, (Smallpox, Plague, Typhus Fever, Yellow Fever, and  
Relapsing Fever); to prevent the entry of unsound, impure or  
contaminated food.

Pollution of waters and entry of aliens are subsidiary  
matters. The economy of the trade of the Port is irrevelent. The  
Health Authority is not concerned with navigation within the Port,  
except in so far as Mooring Stations for the quarantine of  
Infected or Suspected Ships are concerned.

In view of the proposed extensive development in the  
Port Health Area, and the tremendous increase of shipping, the  
following services and facilities will probably have to be  
provided, sooner or later by the Port Health Authority:-

- (1) One or more additional Port Health Inspectors.
- (2) A full-time Medical Officer, or a full-time Deputy  
Medical Officer.
- (3) Premises for Medical Inspections, and temporary isolation  
of persons.
- (4) Apparatus for cleansing and disinfecting of Ships, persons,  
clothing etc.
- (5) Apparatus for radio communication between incoming ships  
and the Authority, and vice versa, (Designated by the  
Minister as a Radio Receiving and Transmitting Port).
- (6) Provision of a Health Authority Launch.
- (7) Equipment & perso<sup>o</sup>nnel to treat ships for the issue of  
De-ratting Certificates. (Port would have to be Designated  
and approved by the Minister).
- (8) Provision of a new Mooring Station.

The bulk of this Report is a statistical review of the  
routine work of the Authority during the year, under the controlling  
hand of your Port Health Inspector. As in previous years, the  
inspection of Fish has been the largest item. It is hoped that,  
despite other developments, the fish trade will continue to thrive.  
This will only be possible if modern Trawlers are provided with  
satisfactory accommodation for both crew and fish.

In conclusion I should like to thank the members of the  
Authority and the Officials, for their continued co-operation  
and courtesy.

I remain,  
Your obedient servant.

County Offices.  
Haverfordwest.  
March, 1957

William.J.Y.Speedy.  
Port Medical Officer.





MEMBERS OF THE AUTHORITY

1956 - 1957

Chairman: Councillor.F.L.Ward. J.P. (Haverfordwest RDC)  
Vice Chairman: Councillor.G.H.Jenkins. (Pembroke Borough)

Members:

Haverfordwest Borough: Councillor.R.G.Noott. J.P.  
Councillor.C.Ivor Male.  
Alderman.Claude.E.Davies. MM.

Milford Haven. U.D.C. Councillor.V.T.Cleaver.  
Councillor.H.M.Kingston.  
Councillor.E.A.Grove.  
Councillor. J.A.Lewis.

Pembroke Borough. Alderman.A.W.Hopkins.  
Councillor.J.R.Williams.  
Councillor. W.Ellis.Evans.


Haverfordwest R.D.C. Alderman. James John. J.P.

Narberth. R.D.C. Councillor.W.C.John.

Pembroke. R.D.C. Councillor.H.D.Howells.

Neyland. U.D.C. Councillor. G.F.Rees.

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# CONSTITUTION OF AUTHORITY

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By an Order dated 21/12/1875, Milford and Riparian Districts were temporarily constituted a Port Sanitary Authority. An Order of 24th April, 1878, made this permanent. A Provisional Order of 1897 repealed the above 1878 Order, and the Port Sanitary Authority was again permanently constituted by Order of 1/9/1898.

Previous to these Orders the Borough of Pembroke was temporarily constituted a Port Sanitary Authority in 1873, and acted as such until the Order of 1875 temporarily appointed Milford and the Riparian Districts as the Port Sanitary Authority.

The Joint Board at this time consisted of 13 members as follows:-

			<u>No of members</u>
Pembroke Borough	...	...	3
Pembroke Rural	...	...	3
Haverfordwest Rural	...	...	3
Haverfordwest Borough	...	...	2
Narberth Rural	...	...	1
Milford Improvement Commissioners			1

By further Orders of the Local Government Board in 1898 and 1915, the constitution of the Board at present is as follows:-

The Borough of Pembroke	...	...	4
The Borough of Haverfordwest	...	...	2
The Urban District Council of Milford			2
The Urban District of Neyland	...	...	1
The Rural District of Haverfordwest			3
The Rural District of Narberth...			1
The Rural District of Pembroke	...	...	3

Neyland Urban District Council was made a Constituent Authority in 1915.

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## BY THE MILFORD PORT AMENDMENT ORDER - 1954

### Statutory Instruments

1954 - No 625

Coming into operation 4th June, 1954

- (1) The Joint Board shall be termed "The Milford Port Health Authority", and shall consist of sixteen representative Members, to be chosen by the members of each of the undermentioned Riparian Authorities from amongst the members of its own body as follows:-

Four by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Pembroke.  
 Three by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Haverfordwest.  
 Four by the Urban District Council of Milford Haven.  
 One by the Urban District Council of Neyland.  
 Two by the Rural District Council of Haverfordwest.  
 One by the Rural District Council of Narberth.  
 One by the Rural District Council of Pembroke.

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# SECTION I - STAFF

Table A

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Address and Telephone number.	Date of appointment.	Qualifications.	Other Appointments held.
William J. Y. Speedy.	Port Medical Officer of Health.	'Haroldston' Haven Road. Haverfordwest. Haverfordwest 325.	1st August 1950.	M.B., B.Ch., L.R.C.P. & S. D.P.H.	M.O.H. Western Districts. Pem.
Robert Rees.	Port. Public Health Inspector. (Whole Time)	'Garth' Wellington Road. Hakin. Milford Haven. Milford Haven 787.	1st December 1951	M.R. San. I. R.S.I. S.I. Cert. Meat Cert.	Nil.
Frederick C. Banner.	Clerk. (Part Time)	'Innisfree' Steynton Road. Milford Haven.	4th December 1947.		Nil.



SECTION II  
Shipping Entering the Port During the Year

Table B

	Foreign										Coastwise										Total Ships	
	Motor.			Steam.			Fishing.				Motor.			Steam.			Fishing.				Total	
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	Number.	Tonnage		
1st Qtr.	12	30,971	10	39,593	37	828	19	4,989	11	6,849	451	30,863			540	116,093						
2nd Qtr.	11	30,891	23	84,646	13	778	17	3,646	8	3,236	313	24,858			385	148,255						
3rd Qtr.	18	58,682	15	53,710	34	1,134	17	11,138	14	6,295	283	22,646			381	153,605						
4th Qtr.	17	51,723	24	76,216	64	1,851	29	5,631	8	6,342	354	27,388			496	169,151						
Total.	58	172,267	72	254,365	148	4,591	82	25,404	41	24,722	1401	105,755			1802	587,204						







## SECTION II (Continued)

The following Table shows the Total Amount of Shipping in tonnage entering the Port each year since 1946:-

Year.	FOREIGN			COASTWISE			Grand Total
	Fishing	Others	Total	Fishing	Others	Total	
1946	2,339	33,073	35,412	129,666	21,782	151,448	186,860
1947	3,046	7,591	10,637	156,182	29,052	195,134	205,771
1948	4,128	28,665	32,793	173,818	42,511	216,329	249,122
1949	1,656	2,275	3,931	168,884	32,990	201,874	205,805
1950	2,422	24,424	26,846	162,627	77,316	239,943	266,787
1951	3,583	32,392	35,975	167,080	148,256	315,336	351,311
1952			62,144			132,842	194,986
1953			263,182			209,593	472,775
1954			387,860			125,094	512,954
1955	3,447	386,558	390,000	115,225	90,260	205,485	595,485
1956	4,591	426,632	431,223	105,755	50,126	155,881	587,204

It will be seen from the Table that there has been a large increase in the amount of shipping entering the Port over the past 10 years. The increase is mostly accounted for by Foreign going Steam and Motor vessels. The amount of Coastwise Shipping has varied little over this period, and the tendency for local fishing tonnage has been to drop slowly but steadily since 1948.



SECTION III (Table C)

Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

1. Passenger Traffic ... .. NIL.
2. Cargo Traffic
- A. Exports :- Government stores only.
- B. Imports:- (1) Fish ... 24,902 tons.  
(2) Potatoes, Onions, Scrap metal.  
Cement, Timber, Fertilizers, in small amounts.
3. Foreign Ports from which ships arrived during the year:-
- Limasol, Archangel, Quebec, New York, Halifax, Bermuda, Benghazi, Malta, Alexandria, Tripoli, Casa-Blanca, Valencia, Syracuse, Gibraltar.
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SECTION IV

Inland Barge Traffic

Nil to Report.

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SECTION V  
Water supply

1. Drinking Water to Docks & Shipping.  
Supplied from Milford Haven Water mains. Source is Prescelly gathering ground in North Pembrokeshire.  
This water is passed through a modern fillration and chlorination plant, and is routinely sampled at source and other levels.
2. Water for Trade Purposes.  
Special arrangements are in force at the Milford Haven Docks for the pumping-up of sea water from the Haven for the purposes of washing down the Fishmarket and decks of Trawlers.
3. Water Boats. ... Nil to report.
4. Hydrants and Hosepipes.  
Hydrants and Hosepipes are flushed with fresh water before filling tanks in Trawlers.
5. Water Sampling.  
Samples from Trawlers were taken for general bacteriological examination during the year. The samples were forwarded to the Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen for testing & report. The following is a summary of sampling results:-
- |                |   |            |       |
|----------------|---|------------|-------|
| Satisfactory   | = | 57 samples | (60%) |
| Doubtful       | = | 16 samples | (17%) |
| Unsatisfactory | = | 21 samples | (23%) |
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SECTION VI  
Public Health (Ships) Regulations. 1952

1. List of Infected Areas.

A weekly summary of Infected Areas is received from the World Health Organisation, the information in this summary is available for the Port Health Office.

2. Radio Messages & Communications.

There are no arrangements made by the Port Health Authority for the sending and receiving of Radio messages, nor any other special arrangements for communication between vessels and the Authority except via Customs Stations with which a close liason is maintained.

In view of the possible increase in the use of the Port, the position may require reviewing.

3. Mooring Stations.

Outer Mooring Stations.

That part of the Haven bounded on the West by a line drawn 180° from the Flag Staff on the Fort on South Hook Point and bounded on the East by a line joining Little Wick, No 1 buoy, No 3 buoy, and Popton Point.

Inner Mooring Stations.

Normal places for mooring, loading and discharging.

4. Hospital accommodation for Infectious Diseases.(other than Smallpox)

The nearest Isolation Hospital is situated at TUMBLE, in Carmarthenshire (approximately 45 miles). This Hospital is under the control of the West Regional Hospital Board.

5. Surveillance of Contacts.

The card register is available for the surveillance and follow-up of contacts.

6. Cleansing and Disinfection.

Ships. Arranged by Port Sanitary Officer.

Persons Clothing etc. No arrangements at the Port. Nearest Cleansing Centre is at the Priory Hospital, Haverfordwest (approximately 7 miles).

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SECTION VII

SMALLPOX

Smallpox Cases would be transported to the Penrhys Hospital, in the Rhondda.

The responsibility for transportation, and the maintaining of the Vaccinal state of Ambulance crews lies with the Pembrokeshire County Council.

The name and address of Smallpox Consultant available is as follows:-

Dr.G.E.Harries. City Isolation Hospital, Cardiff.

Telephone No. Cardiff 960/1.

There are no facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox in South West Wales.

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SECTION VIII

Venereal Disease

The only service available for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease is the ordinary General Practitioner service, and through the General Practitioner, the Welsh Regional Hospital Board. There are no special arrangements for Diagnosis and Treatment of Venereal Disease at the Port of Milford Haven.

Posters are displayed in appropriate places in the Docks warning seamen of the dangers of Venereal Disease, and to report to the Port Health Centre if advice is required. There are no arrangements for preventive ablutions, etc, at the Port.

The nearest Treatment Centre is the Llanelli General Hospital, (approximately 50 miles).

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SECTION IX

Cases of Notifiable and Other Infectious Diseases on Ships.

Nil Table D. to Report.

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SECTION X

Occurrence of Malaria on Ships.

Nil to Report.

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SECTION XI

Ships Infected or Suspected of Plague.

Nil to Report.

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SECTION XII  
Tables E & F  
Rodent Control on Ships

One International Exemption Certificate, and one Rodent Control Certificate, issued during the year.

Two Trawlers were treated for Rodent Infestation during the year. 13 bodies were recovered, and kill estimated at 34.

Sausage rusk and Zinc Phosphide were the bait and poison used.

Rodent Control on Docks, Wharves, Warehouses, etc.

Regularly carried out during the year by staff of Milford Haven Urban District Council. 171 bodies recovered, estimated kill was 528. Sausage rusk and Zinc Phosphide bait & poison used.

Laboratory Examination of Rodents.

This can be carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Carmarthen, but no rats were forwarded during the year.

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SECTION XIII

Inspection of Ships for Nuisances.

	<u>Table G</u>		<u>Notices served</u>	
	<u>No. of</u> <u>Inspections.</u>		<u>Informal.</u>	<u>Formal</u>
Sanitation & Crews Quarters and Infestation.	130		26	Nil

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SECTION XIV

Public Health (Shell Fish) Regulations 1934 & 1948

The South Wales Sea Fisheries District Committee have given the following location of small shell-fish beds within the area covered by the Port Health Authority.

Angle & Kilpaison.

There is a good cockle bed at Kilpaison, which has been exploited commercially on a small scale during the years since the end of the War.

There are small winkle & mussel beds at Angle.

Dale.

Small cockle & mussel beds.

Pwllchrochan )  
Gellyswick. ) Small cockle beds.  
Pennar Gut )

Ringly Wells. ) Small mussel beds.  
Garn Pill. )

In addition small oyster beds have been laid at Dale, Angle & Pennar Gut.



SECTION XV

Medical Inspection of Aliens.

Nil to Report.

SECTION XVI

Miscellaneous

Burial of persons dying aboard ship is arranged by Shipping Agents or Milford Haven Urban District Council.

Disinfection and disinfestation arranged by Port Sanitary Officer.

SECTION XVII

Food Inspection.

1. Fish. Food Inspection was again chiefly concerned with Fish. The following Table shows the monthly amount of Fish landed and amount of offal going to Fish Meal factory.

	<u>1956.</u>	
<u>Fish Landed</u> <u>(Tons)</u>		<u>Offal to Fish meal</u> <u>Factory (Tons)</u>
January.	3,013.	224.
February.	2,288.	246.
March.	1,826.	201.
April.	2,144.	245.
May.	1,690.	133.
June.	1,666.	177.
July.	1,856.	191.
August.	1,883.	180.
September.	2,057.	238.
October.	1,822.	157.
November.	2,192.	228.
December.	2,465.	272.
Totals.	24,902	2,439.

The following Table shows the yearly amount of fish landed since 1946:-

1946	...	...	59,043 tons.
1947	...	...	53,782 "
1948	...	...	49,026 "
1949	...	...	31,006 "
1950	...	...	26,168 "
1951	...	...	33,865 "
1952	...	...	33,220 "
1953	...	...	32,650 "
1954	...	...	26,815 "
1955	...	...	29,312 "
1956	...	...	24,902 "

The amount of Fish unsaleable, offal acquired by the Fish Meal Factory, and condemned, amounted to 2,614 tons.

2. Other Foods.

Nil to Report.





